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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to requirements for physicians providing
2 services at an ambulatory surgical center, and providing
3 penalties.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135Q.1 Physician requirements —
2 ambulatory surgical center — licensee discipline.

3 1. A physician who provides surgical services to patients at
4 an ambulatory surgical center shall at the time the surgical
5 services are performed have active admitting privileges at a
6 hospital licensed under chapter 135B that is located closest in
7 proximity to the ambulatory surgical center.

8 2. For the purposes of this section, "*ambulatory surgical*
9 *center*" means a distinct facility that operates exclusively
10 for the purpose of providing surgical services to patients not
11 requiring hospitalization and in which the expected duration
12 of services does not exceed twenty-four hours following an
13 admission. "*Ambulatory surgical center*" does not include
14 individual or group practice offices of private physicians
15 or podiatrists that do not contain a distinct area used for
16 outpatient surgical treatment on a regular basis, or that
17 only provide surgery routinely provided in a physician's
18 or podiatrist's office using local anesthesia or conscious
19 sedation; individual or group practice offices of private
20 dentists; or a portion of a licensed hospital designated for
21 outpatient surgical treatment.

22 3. A physician who violates this section is subject to
23 licensee discipline pursuant to section 148.6.

24 EXPLANATION

25 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
26 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

27 This bill relates to requirements for physicians providing
28 surgical services at an ambulatory surgical center. The bill
29 requires a physician who provides surgical services to patients
30 at an ambulatory surgical center at the time the surgical
31 services are performed to have active admitting privileges at
32 a licensed hospital that is located closest in proximity to
33 the ambulatory surgical center. The bill defines "*ambulatory*
34 *surgical center*" for the purposes of the bill. A physician who
35 violates the bill is subject to licensee discipline.